



Spade Fire

FIRE UPDATE

Fire Information: 540-552-4641

*USDA Forest Service
George Washington & Jefferson
National Forests*

Eastern Divide Ranger District
November 13, 2012
11 AM

Location	2 Miles north of Maggie on Potts Mountain
Estimated Acreage	The fire is approximately 750 acres in size
Containment	The fire is 50% contained. Firefighters are aiming for 100% containment by end of shift today. Estimated control date is 11/20/2012.
Date and Cause Reported	The fire was reported Sunday morning, November 11. The cause of the fire is being investigated.
Resources on the Fire	Currently 78 firefighters are on scene, with three dozers and seven fire engines. The helicopter assigned to the fire Monday will likely be released early this afternoon. . Most other resources will be released at end of shift today. A small crew of firefighters will monitor the fire and begin rehabilitation of the area tomorrow.
Cooperators	USDA Forest Service Virginia Department of Forestry Volunteer Fire Departments from Johns Creek, Paintbank, Simmonsville, Newport and Union Craig County Sheriff's Office, Rescue Squad and Emergency Management Services
Restrictions and Closures	None at this time beyond fire perimeter
Current Goals	The priority for the current operational period is to establish containment on the western edge of the fire. Firefighters will walk the two-mile western flank, using leaf blowers and saws to remove potential fuels and establish containment lines.
Fire Weather	Cooler temperatures with highs in the mid-40s. Winds 8-10 miles per hour.
Other Fire Information	6/10 th inch of precipitation fell on the fire yesterday and last night, aiding firefighters' efforts. The safety of the public and firefighters is our top priority.

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